

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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Responses to common questions have been raised during and after the technical assistance workshops.

Q. Can an organization apply for more than one grant at the same time?

No. Only one application per organization will be considered. This question has been raised sufficiently to warrant an extension of time to allow applicants to determine the best grant opportunity for them.

Therefore, the Intent to Apply deadline has been extended for three business days to close of business on Wednesday, November 23, 2005.

The AmeriCorps grant application due date has been extended to Wednesday, December 15, 2005, at 5:00 p.m. Indianapolis time.

This information will be included on the website and a new timeline issued to participants in the RFP technical assistance process.

Q. Can an organization apply for a planning grant and an education award grant or a planning grant and an operating grant?

No. The purpose of a planning grant is to assist a small faith-based or community-based organization develop an AmeriCorps program. The length of the planning grant can be up to 12 months, although most organizations can complete planning within 6-9 months.

Q. Can any AmeriCorps member receive an education award?

Yes, provided that the member completes the term of service as dictated by the member's organization. The amount of the award depends on the length of time served. Members can serve either full-time (1700 hours), reduced full-time, half-time, quarter-time and reduced quarter-time. See 2005-06 Education Award provisions (www.americorps.gov/)

Q. I want to start planning my AmeriCorps program now. Do I have to wait until the fall to begin planning?

Yes, you do. Currently, the OFBCI staff is reviewing federal and state requirements. Early in 2006, the staff will determine timelines for planning grants for future years.